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### **Service of Process Transmittal**

04/24/2008

CT Log Number 513353059



TO: Christine Gillen

The Prudential Insurance Company of America Legal Department, 751 Broad St, 4th Floor

Newark, NJ 07102

RE:

**Process Served in Tennessee** 

FOR:

The Prudential Insurance Company of America (Domestic State: NJ)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION:

Ruthie Irene Terry, Ptlf. vs. The Prudential Insurance Company of America, Dft.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Letter, Summons, Service Information, Complaint, Interrogatories, Request for

Production, Exhibits

COURT/AGENCY:

Scott County Chancery Court, TN

Case # 9823

NATURE OF ACTION:

Insurance Litigation - Policy benefits claimed for long term disability

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

CT Corporation System, Knoxville, TN

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

By Certified Mail on 04/24/2008 postmarked on 04/22/2008

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

Within 30 days after service of the summons, exclusive of the date of service-answer

complaint // Within 45 days-interrogatories, production

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

David H. Dunaway David H. Dunaway & Associates 100 S. Fifth Street

LaFollette, TN 37766

423-562-7085

REMARKS:

Process served/received by the Insurance Commissioner on 04/17/2008, and mailed

to CT Corporation System on 04/24/2008.

**ACTION ITEMS:** 

SOP Papers with Transmittal, via Fed Ex 2 Day , 791052463842

Email Notification, Legal Process Unit legal.process.unit@prudential.com

SIGNED: ADDRESS:

C T Corporation System 800 S. Gay Street Suite 0221

Knoxville, TN 37929-9710 865-342-3522

**TELEPHONE:** 



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### STATE OF TENNESSEE **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE**500 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY NASHVILLE, TN 37243-1131

April 21, 2008

Prudential Insurance Co. Of America 800 S. Gay Street, Ste 2021, % C T Corp. Knoxville, TN 37929-9710 NAIC # 68241 CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED 7007 2680 0001 2097 7318 Cashier # 2703

Re: Ruthie Irene Terry V. Prudential Insurance Co. Of America

Docket # 9823

To Whom It May Concern:

We are enclosing herewith a document that has been served on this department on your behalf in connection with the above-styled matter.

I hereby make oath that the attached Disability Complaint was served on me on April 17, 2008 by Ruthie Irene Terry pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 56-2-504 or § 56-2-506. A copy of this document is being sent to the Chancery Court of Scott County, TN.

Brenda C. Meade Designated Agent Service of Process

**Enclosures** 

cc: Chancery Court Clerk Scott County P O Box 195 Huntsville, Tn 37756



### IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT HUNTSVILLE

RUTHIE IRENE TERRY,	)
Plaintiff,	) ) )
v.	) CIVIL ACTION
THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA,	) No. 9823 ) )
Defendant.	)
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon LaFollette, Tennessee 37766, a true copy of the defense with thirty (30) days after service of this summons upo the original pleading with the court. If you fail to do s the relief demanded in the Complaint.	to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, n you, exclusive of the day of service. You will file
Issued this the 144 day of April, 2008.	
Witness, Jane Lloyd, Clerk & Master of said court, at	office in Huntsville Tennessee.
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Clerk & Master Denu	tv Clerk

TO THE DEFENDANT: THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

NOTICE

Tennessee law provides a four thousand dollar (\$4,000.00) personal property exemption from execution or seizure to satisfy a judgment. If a judgment should be entered against you in this action and you wish to claim property as exempt, you must file a written list, under oath, of the items you wish to claim as exempt with the clerk of the court. The list may be filed at any time and may be changed by you thereafter as necessary; however, unless it is filed before the judgment becomes final, it will not be effective as to any execution of garnishment issued prior to the filing of the list. Certain items are automatically exempt by law and do not need to be listed; these items include the necessary wearing apparel (clothing) for yourself and your family and trunks or other receptacles necessary to contain such apparel, family portraits, the family Bible, and school books. Should any of these items be seized you would have the right to recover them. If you do not understand your exemption right or how to exercise it, you may wish to seek the counsel of a lawyer. TCA § 26-2-114.

### SERVICE INFORMATION

To the process server: Defendant, THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, may be served through the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance for the State of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee.

	RETURNED
received this sumn	nons on the day of, 2008.
hereby certify and	return that on the day of, 2008, I:
IN	ved this summons and a complaint on Defendant, THE PRUDENTIAL SURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, in the following the complex
( ) faile	ed to serve this summons within 30 days after its issuance because:
	Process Server

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT HUNTSVILLE

RUTHIE IRENE TERRY,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 9823
THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMP OF AMERICA,	ANY )	Filed April 14 20 08
Defendant.	)	et <u>9 : 30 A M.</u> Jane A. Lloyd  Clerk & Master
$\mathbf{CC}$	MPLAINT :	

Comes the Plaintiff and would show unto the Court the following:

- The Plaintiff is and at all times mentioned herein was a citizen and resident of Scott County, Tennessee.
- 2. The Defendant, The Prudential Insurance Company of America, at all times mentioned herein was a foreign insurance company with offices at P. O. Box 13480, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19176, but process should be served on the Defendant, The Prudential Insurance Company of America, through the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance for the State of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee. At all times mentioned herein the Defendant, The Prudential Insurance Company of America, was believed to be the plan administrator of a long term disability benefit plan Number 522 issued to Armstrong World Industries, Inc., the Plaintiff's employer. A copy of the long term disability plan otherwise provided to the Plaintiff and issued August 2003 is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and made a part of this Complaint by reference herein.
- 3. The Plaintiff, Ruthie Irene Terry, was previously employed as a worker for Hartco Flooring Company, a division of Armstrong World Industries, Inc. That on December 13, 2003,

the Plaintiff discovered that she was suffering from asthma and developed problems with her breathing which progressively worsened. Thereafter, the Plaintiff developed problems with her right knee, left hip, right foot, as well as additional problems to her back as a result of having engaged in constant standing on her feet and repetitive lifting of pieces of wood flooring as well as pallets. The Plaintiff was required to work in extremely cold conditions in the winter and extremely hot conditions in the summer. Her work activities required her to engage in continuous bending and stooping, during which time she also developed significant disabling conditions. She has suffered and continues to suffer from chronic low back pain, fibromyalgia, a chronic right rotator cuff tear, asthma, hypertensive, and Type Two diabetes, as well as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The Plaintiff eventually left her work environment and last worked for Hartco Flooring Company on or about June of 2003. The Plaintiff's residual problems have prevented her from returning to any gainful employment.

- 4. That the Plaintiff, Ruthie Irene Terry, became eligible for long term disability benefits and received long term disability benefits for a period of time until January 3, 2006. Thereafter, the Plaintiff's disability benefits were discontinued. At all times material to this Complaint, the Plaintiff's contract for hire and/or contract to receive long term disability benefits had been made with her employer in Scott County, Tennessee, and benefits were paid to her in Scott County, Tennessee.
- 5. That on or about December 28, 2005, the Defendant, The Prudential Insurance Company of America, through its agents, servants, and employees, Prudential Financial, informed the Plaintiff that she was not entitled to receive long term disability benefits beyond January 3, 2006, and otherwise informed the Plaintiff that her disability benefits were being denied. Thereafter, the

Plaintiff's claim was re-reviewed by the Defendant, The Prudential Insurance Company of America, and additional time was extended to the Defendant for its review, but the Plaintiff never received a decision on her reconsideration until on or about March 25, 2008, after inquiry through her attorney, the Plaintiff was informed that on June 12, 2006, the Defendant, The Prudential Insurance Company of America, through its agents, servants, and employees, Prudential Financial, informed the Plaintiff that she was not eligible to receive any additional disability benefits. An additional administrative appeal was requested, but the Defendant refused to grant any additional administrative appeal to the Plaintiff and on or about March 25, 2008, informed the Plaintiff through her attorney that the Defendant, The Prudential Insurance Company of America, was otherwise upholding its decision to terminate the Plaintiff's claim for disability benefits. The Defendant also informed the Plaintiff that she had otherwise exhausted her administrative remedies and had a right to bring a civil suit under the Employee Retirement and Income Security Act (ERISA)

- 6. That the Defendant's failure and refusal to pay the Plaintiff long term disability benefits was otherwise arbitrary and capricious, and was also a breach of the Defendant's fiduciary duties to assist the Plaintiff in the perfection of her claim, including the securing of additional medical evidence, as well as providing the Plaintiff with vocational rehabilitation and assistance under the above-described policy.
- 7. That the Defendant has failed and refused to properly investigate the Plaintiff's claim, and as a result of the Defendant's failure to provide rehabilitative assistance to the Plaintiff, the Plaintiff is entitled to have the Defendant's denial of her benefits set aside.
- 8. That the Defendant's decision to deny the Plaintiff's benefits was erroneous, not otherwise supported by substantial medical evidence, was arbitrary and capricious, and was otherwise made

without adequate consideration of giving equal weight to the Plaintiff's treating and evaluating physicians, as well as the social security disability determination which was fully favorable on behalf of the Plaintiff, as opposed to the Defendant's limited paper medical review of the Plaintiff's claim.

- 9. That the Plaintiff has otherwise exhausted all of the remedies to which she was aware for obtaining disability under the above-described policy.
- 10. The Plaintiff would further show unto the Court that the Defendant's decision to deny the Plaintiff's long term disability was erroneous, not supported by substantial medical evidence, was arbitrary and capricious, and that the Defendant's employees who made a review of the Plaintiff's claim did not make an on-hands examination of the Plaintiff, and that the individuals employed by the Defendant were biased, and that the Defendant through its agents, servants, and employees, arbitrarily and capriciously denied the Plaintiff's claim. That the Defendant or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that its failure to provide additional information, as well as vocational rehabilitative assistance to the Plaintiff was otherwise required, and the Defendant's actions have otherwise caused the Plaintiff to suffer financial difficulty and hardship, and the Defendant's failure and refusal to pay the Plaintiff long term disability benefits has resulted in economic damages to the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff would show unto the Court that the medical records of her attending physicians, along with a vocational assessment of the Plaintiff and the Plaintiff's entire Social Security Administration file will reveal that the Plaintiff is now a 57 year old individual who has been previously employed with jobs that required heavy exertion. That the Plaintiff has no transferrable work skills, and with the restrictions indicated by her attending physicians, there are no jobs which she can perform, and she is otherwise unable to perform the duties of any gainful occupation for which she would otherwise be fitted by training, education, or

experience given her medical restrictions.

- 11. The Plaintiff further contends that the Defendant violated 29 U.S.C. §1133(2) by failing to afford a full and fair review of the Plaintiff's medical evidence.
- 12. That as a result of the violation of the above-described statute and as a result of the breach of contract by the Defendant, the Plaintiff has suffered a loss of benefits and additional damages, including but not limited to pre-judgment interest, attorney fees, and the costs incidental to the prosecution of this cause of action.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands:

- 1. That proper process issue and be served upon the Defendant, requiring it to answer this Complaint within the time required by law, but not under oath, its oath being waived.
- 2. That this Court construe the rights and responsibilities of the parties based upon the administrative record in accordance with applicable law.
- 3. That the Plaintiff be awarded such damages to which the Plaintiff may be entitled under the law and evidence.
- 4. That the Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees and expenses incidental to the prosecution of this cause of action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(g) and that the Plaintiff be awarded such other general relief to which she may be entitled under the law and evidence.

### RUTHIE IRENE TERRY

DAVID H. DUNAWAY, BPR #000 91

Attorney for Plaintiff 100 South Fifth Street Post Office Box 280

LaFollette, TN 37766-0231 LaFollette: 423/562-7085 Knoxville: 865/524-3670

### **COST BOND**

We acknowledge ourselves as surety for all costs, taxes and damages in this case in accordance with T.C.A. §20-12-120.

RUTHIE IRENE TERRY

Principal

575 Atomic Lane

Oneida, Tennessee 37841

Surety

DAVID H. DUNAWAY

Attorney for Plaintiff

P.O. Box 280

LaFollette, TN 37766

(423) 562-7085

Filed April 14 20 68 at 9:30 A. M.

Jane A. Lloyd

Exhibit A

RUTHIE I TERRY ONDING



### Long Term Disability Plan

For Hourly Employees of Armstrong Flooring - Wood Products at Oneida

Issued August 2003

### Disclosure Notice

### FOR ARIZONA RESIDENTS

Notice: This certificate of insurance may not provide all benefits and protections provided by law in Arizona. Please read this certificate carefully.

### FOR VERMONT RESIDENTS

The coverage provided in this certificate is not subject to regulation by the State of Vermont.

### THIS NOTICE IS FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS ONLY

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

### **AVISO IMPORTANTE**

To obtain information or make a complaint:

Para obtener información o para someter una queja:

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información acerca de compañías, coberturas, derechos o quejas al

1-800-252-3439

1-800-252-3439

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas

P.O. Box 149104 Austin, TX 78714-9104 FAX No. (512) 475-1771 P.O. Box 149104 Austin, TX 78714-9104 FAX No. (512) 475-1771

### PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

### DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim you should contact the PRUDENTIAL first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

Si tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con LA PRUDENTIAL primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (DST).

### ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:

### UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA:

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

Este aviso es sólo para propósito de información y no se convierte en parte o condición del documento adjunto.

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### **Benefit Highlights**

### LONG TERM DISABILITY PLAN

This long term disability plan provides financial protection for you by paying a portion of your income while you have a long period of disability. The amount you receive is based on the amount you earned before your disability began. In some cases, you can receive disability payments even if you work while you are disabled. Benefits start after the elimination period.

**Program Date:** 

February 1, 2002

Contract Holder:

ARMSTRONG WORLD INDUSTRIES, INC.

**Group Contract** 

Number:

LG-77239-PA

Covered Classes:

All Hourly Employees of Armstrong Flooring – Wood Products at Oneida.

Minimum Hours

Requirement:

Employees must be working at least 30 hours per week.

**Employment** 

Waiting Period:

You may need to work for your Employer for a continuous period before you become eligible for the plan. The period must be agreed upon by your

Employer and Prudential.

Your Employer will let you know about this waiting period.

Elimination Period: 180 days.

Benefits begin the day after the Elimination Period is completed.

Monthly Benefit:

60% of your monthly earnings, but not more than \$3,000.00.

Your benefit may be reduced by deductible sources of income and disability earnings. Some disabilities may not be covered or may be limited under

this coverage.

Maximum Period of Benefits:

Your Age on **Date Disability**  Your Maximum Benefit

Duration

**Begins** 

Under age 61

To your normal retirement age\*, but not less than 60 months

Age 61 Age 62 Age 63 To your normal retirement age\*, but not less than 48 months To your normal retirement age\*, but not less than 42 months To your normal retirement age\*, but not less than 36 months

Age 64 To your normal retirement age\*, but not less than 30 months Age 65

24 months

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Age 66	21 months
Age 67	18 months
Age 68	15 months
Age 69 and over	12 months

\*Your normal retirement age is your retirement age under the Social Security Act where retirement age depends on your year of birth.

No contributions are required for your coverage while you are receiving payments under this plan.

Cost of Coverage:

The long term disability plan is provided to you on a contributory basis. You will be informed of the amount of your contribution when you enroll.

The above items are only highlights of your coverage. For a full description please read this entire Group Insurance Certificate.

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### The Prudential Insurance Company of America

### Certificate of Coverage

The Prudential Insurance Company of America (referred to as Prudential) welcomes you to the plan.

This is your Certificate of Coverage as long as you are eligible for coverage and you meet the requirements for becoming insured. You will want to read this certificate and keep it in a safe place. Sign your name in the space below when you receive this certificate.

Prudential has written this certificate in booklet format to be understandable to you. If you should have any questions about the content or provisions, please consult Prudential's claims paying office. Prudential will assist you in any way to help you understand your benefits.

The benefits described in this Certificate of Coverage are subject in every way to the entire Group Contract which includes this Group Insurance Certificate.

THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT CERTIFICATE. If you are eligible for Medicare, review the Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare available from the company.

### Prudential's Address

The Prudential Insurance Company of America 290 West Mount Pleasant Avenue Livingston, New Jersey 07039

Signature	of	Emp	loyee

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### **General Provisions**

### What Is the Certificate?

This certificate is a written document prepared by Prudential which tells you:

- the coverage to which you may be entitled;
- · to whom Prudential will make a payment; and
- the limitations, exclusions and requirements that apply within a plan.

### General Definitions used throughout this certificate include:

You means a person who is eligible for Prudential coverage.

We, us, and our means The Prudential Insurance Company of America.

Employee means a person who is in active employment with the Employer for the minimum hours requirement.

Insured means any person covered under a coverage.

Plan means a line of coverage under the Group Contract.

### When Are You Eligible for Coverage?

If you are working for your Employer in a covered class, the date you are eligible for coverage is the later of:

- the plan's program date; and
- the day after you complete your employment waiting period.

**Employment waiting period** means the continuous period of time that you must be in a covered class before you are eligible for coverage under a plan. The period must be agreed upon by the Employer and Prudential.

### When Does Your Coverage Begin?

When your Employer pays the entire cost of your coverage under a plan, you will be covered at 12:01 a.m. on the date you are eligible for coverage, provided you are in *active* employment on that date.

When you and your Employer share the cost of your coverage under a plan, you will be covered at 12:01 a.m. on the latest of:

- the date you are eligible for coverage, if you apply for insurance on or before that date;
- the date you apply for insurance, if you apply within 31 days after your eligibility date; or

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Evidence of insurability is required if you: the date Prudential approves your application, if evidence of Insurability is required

- are a late applicant, which means you apply for coverage more than 31 days after the date you are eligible for coverage; or
- voluntarily canceled your coverage and are reapplying; or
- apply after any of your coverage ended because you did not pay a required contribution; or
- have not met a previous evidence requirement to become insured under any plan the Employer has with Prudential.

An evidence of insurability form can be obtained from your Employer

Active employment means you are working for your Employer for earnings that are paid regularly and that you are performing the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation. You must be working at least 30 hours per week.

Your worksite must be:

- your Employer's usual place of business;
- an alternate work site at the direction of your Employer other than your home unless clear specific expectations and duties are documented; or
- a location to which your job requires you to travel

Normal vacation is considered active employment.

Temporary and seasonal workers are excluded from coverage.

Individuals whose employment status is being continued under a severance or termination agreement will not be considered in active employment.

determine if you are approved for coverage. Evidence of insurability will be provided at your own Evidence of insurability means a statement of your medical history which Prudential will use to

What If You Are Absent from Work on the Date Your Coverage Would Normally

If you are absent from work due to injury, sickness, temporary layoff or leave of absence your coverage will begin on the date you return to active employment.

Once Your Coverage Begins, What Happens If You Are Temporarily Not

If you are on a temporary tayoff, and if premium is paid, you will be covered to the end of the month following the month in which your temporary layoff begins.

If you are on a leave of absence, and if premium is paid, you will be covered to the end of the month following the month in which your leave of absence begins. However, if you are a Reservist or a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard on active military duty, other than active military duty for training, and if premium is paid, you will be covered to the end of your

state law, continuation of coverage under the plan during such leave will be governed by your Employer's policies regarding continuation of such coverage for non-FMLA leave purposes and With respect to leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) or similar any applicable law. Continuation of such coverage pursuant to this provision is contingent upon Prudential's timely receipt of premium payments and written confirmation of your FMLA teave by your Employer

If you are working less than 30 hours per week, for reasons other than disability, and if premium is paid, you will be covered to the end-of-the-month-following the month in which your reduced hours begin.

reasons in connection with any severance or termination agreement. Your normal vacation time, any period of disability or FMLA leave is not considered a temporary layoff. Layoff or leave of absence means you are temporarily absent from active employment for a period of time that has been agreed to in advance in writing by your Employer, other than for

## When Will Changes to Your Coverage Take Effect?

as described in the plan. Any decrease in coverage will take effect immediately upon the offective date of the change. Neither an increase nor a decrease in coverage will affect a increased or additional coverage will begin on the date you return to active employment. An increase in your long term disability coverage may be subject to a pre-existing condition limitation upon the effective date of the change, if you are in active employment or if you are on a covered layoff or leave of absence. If you are not in active employment due to injury or sickness, any Once your coverage begins, any increased or additional coverage will take effect immediately payable claim that occurs prior to the increase or decrease.

Payable claim means a claim for which Prudential is liable under the terms of the Group

### When Does Your Coverage End?

Your coverage under the Group Contract or a plan ends on the earliest of:

- the date the Group Contract or a plan is canceled
- the date you are no longer a member of the covered classes
- the date your covered class is no longer covered
- the last day of the period for which you made any required contributions:
- the last day you are in active employment except as provided under the temporary absence from work provisions; or

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 the date you are no longer in active employment due to a disability that is not covered under the plan.

Does the Coverage under a Plan Replace or Affect any Workers' Compensation or State Disability Insurance?

The coverage under a plan does not replace or affect the requirements for coverage by workers' compensation or state disability insurance.

## Does Your Employer Act as Prudential's Agent?

For purposes of the Group Contract, your Employer acts on its own behalf. Under no circumstances will your Employer be deemed the agent of Prudential.

# Does This Certificate Address Any Rights to Other Benefits or Affect Your Employment with Your Employer?

This certificate sets forth only the terms and conditions for coverage and receipt of benefits for Long Term Disability. It does not address and does not confer any rights, or take away any rights, if any, to other benefits or employment with your Employer. Your rights, if any, to other benefits or employment with your Employer. Prudential plays no role in determining, interpreting, or applying any such rights that may or may not exist.

# How Can Statements Made in Your Application for this Coverage be Used?

Prudential considers any statements you or your Employer make in a signed application for coverage a representation and not a warranty. If any of the statements you or your Employer make are not complete and/or not true at the time they are made, we can:

- reduce or deny any claim; or
- cancel your coverage from the original effective date

If a statement is used in a contest, a copy of that statement will be furnished to you or, in the event of your death or incapacity, to your eligible survivor or personal representative.

A statement will not be contested after the amount of insurance has been in force, before the contest, for at least two years during your lifetime.

We will use only statements made in a signed application as a basis for doing this

If the Employer gives us information about you that is incorrect, we wilt:

- use the facts to decide whether you have coverage under the plan and in what amounts; and
- make a fair adjustment of the premium

## Long Term Disability Coverage

### GENERAL INFORMATION

## Who Is in the Covered Class(es) for the Insurance?

The Covered Classes are:

All Hourly Employees of Armstrong Flooring - Wood Products at Oneida.

# How Many Hours Must You Work to be Eligible for Coverage?

You must be working at least 30 hours per week.

### What Is Your Employment Waiting Period?

You may need to work for your Employer for a continuous period before you become eligible for the coverage. The period must be agreed upon by your Employer and Prudential.

Your Employer will let you know about this waiting period.

### Who Pays for Your Coverage?

Your coverage is paid for by you and your Employer. Your Employer will inform you of the amount of your contribution when you enroll.

## Long Term Disability Coverage

### BENEFIT INFORMATION

### How Does Prudential Define Disability?

- You are disabled when Prudential determines that:
- you are unable to perform the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation due to your sickness or injury, and
- you have a 20% or more loss in your indexed monthly earnings due to that sickness or

sickness or injury, you are unable to perform the duties of any gainful occupation for which you are reasonably fitted by education, training or experience. After 24 months of payments, you are disabled when Prudential determines that due to the same

The loss of a professional or occupational license or certification does not, in itself, constitute

We may require you to be examined by doctors, other medical practitioners or vocational experts of our choice. Prudential will pay for these examinations. We can require examinations as often as it is reasonable to do so. We may also require you to be interviewed by an authorized Prudential Representative. Refusal to be examined or interviewed may result in denial or termination of your

Material and substantial duties means duties that:

- are normally required for the performance of your regular occupation; and
- cannot be reasonably omitted or modified, except that if you are required to work on average in excess of 40 hours per week, Prudential will consider you able to perform that requirement if you are working or have the capacity to work 40 hours per week.

tasks are performed for a specific employer or at a specific location. Regular occupation means the occupation you are routinely performing when your disability begins. Prudential will look at your occupation as it is normally performed instead of how the work

Gainful occupation means an occupation, including self employment, that is or can be expected to provide you with an income equal to at least 60% of your indexed monthly earnings within 12 months of your return to work.

Sickness means any disorder of your body or mind, but not an injury, pregnancy including abortion miscarriage or childbirth. Disability must begin while you are covered under the plan.

Injury means a bodily injury that is the direct result of an accident and not related to any other cause. Injury which occurs before you are covered under the plan will be treated as a sickness. Disability must begin while you are covered under the plan.

Indexed monthly earnings means your monthly earnings as adjusted on each July 1 provided you were disabled for all of the 12 months before that date. Your monthly earnings will be adjusted on that date by the lesser of 10% or the current annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index. Your indexed monthly earnings may increase or remain the same, but will never decrease.

stops publishing the CPI-W. reserves the right to use some other similar measurement if the Department of Labor changes or The Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) is published by the U.S. Department of Labor. Prudential

Indexing is only used to determine your percentage of lost earnings while you are disabled and

# How Long Must You Be Disabled Before Your Benefits Begin?

disability as continuous if your disability stops for 30 days or less during the elimination period. The days that you are not disabled will not count toward your elimination period. You must be continuously disabled through your e*limination period.* Prudential will treat your

Your elimination period is 180 days.

Elimination period means a period of continuous disability which must be salisfied before you are eligible to receive benefits from Prudential.

# Can You Satisfy Your Elimination Period If You Are Working

Yes, provided you meet the definition of disability

## When Will You Begin to Receive Disability Payments?

You will begin to receive payments when we approve your claim, providing the elimination period has been met. We will send you a payment each month for any period for which Prudential is liable

# How Much Will Prudential Pay If You Are Disabled and Not Working?

We will follow this process to figure out your monthly payment

- Multiply your monthly earnings by 60%.
- The maximum monthly benefit is \$3,000.00
- Compare the answer in item 1 with the maximum monthly benefit. The lesser of these two amounts is your gross disability payment.
- Subtract from your gross disability payment any deductible sources of income

That amount figured in item 4 is your monthly payment

payment for each day of disability.

After the elimination period, if you are disabled for less than 1 month, we will send you 1/30th of your

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Monthly payment means your payment after any deductible sources of income have been subtracted from your gross disability payment.

Monthly benefit means the total benefit amount for which you are insured under this plan subject to

sources of income and disability earnings. Gross disability payment means the benefit amount before Prudential subtracts deductible

gross disability payment receive or are entitled to receive while you are disabled. This income will be subtracted from your Deductible sources of income means income from deductible sources listed in the plan that you

### What Are Your Monthly Earnings?

Monthly earnings means your gross monthly income from your Employer in effect just prior to your date of disability. It does not include income received from commissions, bonuses, overtime pay, any other extra compensation, or income received from sources other than your Employer.

### What Will We Use to Determine Monthly Earnings If You Become Disabled During a Covered Layoff or Leave of Absence?

If you become disabled while you are on a covered layoff or leave of absence, we will use your monthly earnings from your Employer in effect just prior to the date your absence begins.

# How Much Will Prudential Pay If You Work While You Are Disabled?

any, are less than 20% of your indexed monthly earnings due to the same sickness or injury. We will send you the monthly payment if you are disabled and your monthly disability earnings, if

If you are disabled and your monthly disability earnings are 20% or more of your indexed monthly earnings, due to the same sickness or injury, Prudential will figure your payment as follows:

During the first 12 months of payments, while working, your monthly payment will not be reduced as long as disability earnings plus the gross disability payment does not exceed 100% of indexed

- 1. Add your monthly disability earnings to your gross disability payment
- Compare the answer in item 1 to your indexed monthly earnings.

will not further reduce your monthly payment. If the answer from item 1 is less than or equal to 100% of your indexed monthly earnings, Prudential

If the answer from item 1 is more than 100% of your indexed monthly earnings, Prudential will subtract the amount over 100% from your monthly payment.

After 12 months of payments, while working, you will receive payments based on the percentage of income you are losing due to your disability.

Subtract your disability earnings from your indexed monthly earnings

- Divide the answer in Item 1 by your indexed monthly earnings. This is your percentage of lost
- Multiply your monthly payment by the answer in item 2.

This is the amount Prudential will pay you each month.

During the first 24 months of disability payments, if your monthly disability earnings exceed 80% of your indexed monthly earnings, Prudential will stop sending you payments and your claim will end.

indexed monthly earnings, Prudential will stop sending you payments and your claim will end. Beyond 24 months of disability payments, if your monthly disability earnings exceed 60% of your

will adjust your payment based on your monthly disability earnings Prudential may require you to send proof of your monthly disability earnings on a monthly basis. We

are necessary to substantiate your income. As part of your proof of disability earnings, we can require that you send us appropriate financial records, including copies of your IRS federal income tax retum, W-2's and 1099's, which we believe

Disability earnings means the earnings which you receive while you are disabled and working, plus the earnings you could receive if you were working to your greatest extent possible. This would be, based on your restrictions and limitations:

- in your regular occupation, that is reasonably available During the first 24 months of disability payments, the greatest extent of work you are able to do
- Beyond 24 months of disability payments, the greatest extent of work you are able to do in any occupation, that is reasonably available, for which you are reasonably fitted by education, training or experience.

Salary continuance paid to supplement your disability earnings will not be considered payment for work performed.

## What Happens If Your Disability Earnings Fluctuate?

If your disability earnings are expected to fluctuate widely from month to month, Prudential may average your disability earnings over the most recent 3 months to determine if your claim should continue subject to all other terms and conditions in the plan.

If Prudential averages your disability earnings, we will terminate your claim it:

- Ouring the first 24 months of disability payments, the average of your disability earnings from the last 3 months exceeds 80% of indexed monthly earnings; or
- Beyond 24 months of disability payments, the average of your disability earnings from the last 3 months exceeds 60% of indexed monthly earnings.

We will not pay you for any month during which disability earnings exceed the above amounts

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What Are Deductible Sources of Income?

Prudential will deduct from your gross disability payment the following deductible sources of income: The amount that you receive or are entitled to receive as loss of time benefits under:

- (a) a workers' compensation law;
- (b) an occupational disease law; or
- (c) any other act or law with similar intent

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- The amount that you receive or are entitled to receive as loss of time disability income payments under any:
- (a) state compulsory benefit act or law;
- (b) automobile liability insurance policy issued in accordance with the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law;
- (c) other group insurance plan; or
- (d) governmental retirement system as the result of your job with your Employer.
- The amount that you, your spouse and children receive or are entitled to receive as loss of time disability payments because of your disability under:
- (a) the United States Social Security Act;
- (b) the Railroad Retirement Act;
- (c) the Canada Pension Plan;
- (d) the Quebec Pension Plan; or
- (e) any similar plan or act

Amounts paid to your former spouse or to your children living with such spouse will not be

- The amount that you receive as retirement payments or the amount your spouse and children receive as retirement payments because you are receiving payments under
- (a) the United States Social Security Act;
- (b) the Railroad Retirement Act;
- (c) the Canada Pension Plan;
- (d) the Quebec Pension Plan; or

(e) any similar plan or act.

Benefits paid to your former spouse or to your children living with such spouse will not be

The amount that you

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(a) receive as disability payments under your Employer's retirement plan;

- (b) voluntarily elect to receive as retirement or early retirement payments under your Employer's retirement plan; or
- (c) receive as retirement payments when you reach normal retirement age, as defined in your Employer's retirement plan.

Disability payments under a retirement plan will be those benefits which are paid due to disability disability and do not reduce the retirement benefits which would have been paid if the disability had not occurred.

Retirement payments will be those benefits which are paid based on your Employer's contribution to the retirement plan. Disability benefits which reduce the retirement benefits under the plan will also be considered as a retirement benefit.

Amounts received do not include amounts rolled over or transferred to any eligible relirement plan. Prudential will use the definition of eligible retirement plan as defined in Section 402 of the Internal Revenue Code including any future amendments which affect the definition.

- The amount you receive under the maritime doctrine of maintenance, wages and cure. This includes only the "wages" part of such benefits.
- The amount that you receive from a partnership, proprietorship or any similar draws

are payable as a result of the sarne disability. With the exception of retirement payments, or amounts that you receive from a partnership, proprietorship or any similar draws, Prudential will only subtract deductible sources of income which

We will not reduce your payment by your Social Security income if your disability begins after age 65 and you were already receiving Social Security retirement payments.

Law, plan or act means the original enactment of the law, plan or act and all amendments.

Retirement plan means a defined contribution plan or defined benefit plan. These are plans which provide retirement benefits to employees and are not funded entirely by employee contributions.

What Are Not Deductible Sources of Income?

Prudential will not deduct from your gross disability payment income you receive from, but not limited to, the following sources:

- 401(k) plans;
- profit sharing plans;
- thrift plans;
- tax sheltered annuities;
- stock ownership plans;

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pension plans for partners;

a retirement plan from another Employer franchise disability income plans;

individual retirement accounts (IRA).

(Minimum Benefit) What If Subtracting Deductible Sources of Income Results in a Zero Benefit?

The minimum monthly payment is \$100.00

Prudential may apply this amount toward an outstanding overpayment

What Happens When You Receive a Cost of Living Increase from Deductible

Once Prudential has subtracted any deductible source of income from your gross disability payment, Prudential will not further reduce your payment due to a cost of living increase from that source.

If we determine that you may qualify for benefits under item 1, 2 or 3 in the deductible sources of income section, we will estimate your entitlement to these benefits. We can reduce your payment by the estimated amount if such benefits have not been awarded.

What If Prudential Determines that You May Qualify for Deductible Income

However, we will NOT reduce your payment by the estimated amount under item 1, 2 or 3 in the deductible sources of income section if you:

apply for the benefits;

appeal any denial to all administrative levels Prudential feels are necessary, and

sign Prudential's Reimbursement Agreement form. This form states that you promise to pay us any overpayment caused by an award.

If your payment has been reduced by an estimated amount, your payment will be adjusted when we

of the amount awarded; or

that benefits have been denied and all appeals Prudential feels are necessary have been completed. In this case, a lump sum refund of the estimated amount will be made to you

## What Happens If You Receive a Lump Sum Payment?

If you receive a lump sum payment from any deductible source of income, the tump sum will be prorated on a monthly basis over the time period for which the sum was given. If no time period is stated, we will use a reasonable one.

# How Long Will Prudential Continue to Send You Payments?

Prudential will send you a payment each month up to the maximum period of payment. maximum period of payment is: ŏ

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Age 68	Age 67	Age 66	Age 65	Age 64	Age 63	Age 62	Age 61	Under age 61	Your Age on Date DisabilityBegins
15 months	18 months	21 months	24 months	To your normal retirement age", but not less than 30 months	To your normal retirement age*, but not less than 36 months	To your normal retirement age*, but not less than 42 months	To your normal retirement age*, but not less than 48 months	To your normal retirement age, but not less than 60 months	Your Maximum Period of Benefits

Your normal retirement age is your retirement age under the Social Security Act where retirement age depends on your year of birth.

Age 69 and over

12 months

We will stop sending you payments and your claim will end on the earliest of the following:

- During the first 24 months of payments, when you are able to work in your regular occupation on a part-time basis but you choose not to; after 24 months of payments, when you are able to work in any gainful occupation on a part-time basis but you choose not to.
- The end of the maximum period of payment
- The date you are no longer disabled under the terms of the plan
- The date you fail to submit proof of continuing disability satisfactory to Prudential
- The date your disability earnings exceed the amount allowable under the plan
- The date you die

Maximum period of payment means the longest period of time Prudential will make payments to you for any one period of disability.

Part-time basis means the ability to work and earn 20% or more of your indexed monthly earnings.

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# What Disabilities Have a Limited Pay Period Under Your Plan?

limited pay period during your lifetime. Disabilities which, as determined by Prudential, are due in whole or part to mental illness have a

The limited pay period for mental illness is 24 months during your lifetime

beyond the 24 month period if you meet one or both of these conditions: Prudential will continue to send you payments for disabilities due in whole or part to mental illness

- If you are confined to a hospital or institution at the end of the 24 month period, Prudential
- recovery period of up to 90 days. If you are still disabled when you are discharged, Prudential will send you payments for a
- in addition to item 1, if, after the 24 month period for which you have received payments, you continue to be disabled and subsequently become confined to a hospital or institution for at If you become reconfined at any time during the recovery period and remain confined for at least 14 days in a row, Prudential will send payments during that additional confinement and for one additional recovery period up to 90 more days.
- least 14 days in a row, Prudential will send payments during the length of the confinement.

payment, whichever occurs first. Prudential will not pay beyond the limited pay period as indicated above, or the maximum period of

Prudentiat will not apply the mental illness limitation to dementia if it is a result of:

- stroke;

viral infection;

- Alzheimer's disease; or
- other conditions not listed which are not usually treated by a mental health provider or other qualified provider using psychotherapy, psychotropic drugs, or other similar methods of treatment as standardly accepted in the practice of medicine.

somatization, substance related disorders and/or adjustment disorders or other conditions. These conditions are usually treated by a mental health provider or other qualified provider using psychotherapy, psychotropic drugs, or other similar methods of treatment as standardly accepted in the practice of medicine. Mental Illness means a psychiatric or psychological condition regardless of cause. Mental illness includes but is not limited to schizophrenia, depression, manic depressive or bipolar illness, anxiety

Confined or confinement for this section means a hospital stay of at least 8 hours per day.

condition causing your disability Hospital or institution means an accredited facility licensed to provide care and treatment for the

## What Disabilities Are Not Covered Under Your Plan?

Your plan does not cover any disabilities caused by, contributed to by, or resulting from your:

- intentionally self-inflicted injuries;
- active participation in a riot; or
- commission of a crime for which you have been convicted under state or federal law.

Your plan does not cover a disability which:

- begins within 12 months of the date your coverage under the plan becomes effective; and
- is due to a pre-existing condition.

Your plan does not cover a disability due to war, declared or undeclared, or any act of war

### What Is a Pre-Existing Condition?

You have a pre-existing condition if you received medical treatment, consultation, care or services including diagnostic measures, took prescribed drugs or medicines, or followed treatment recommendation in the 3 months just prior to your effective date of coverage or the date an increase in benefits would otherwise be available.

# How Does a Pre-Existing Condition Affect an Increase in Your Benefits?

If there is an increase in your benefits due to an amendment of the plan; or your enrollment in another plan option, a benefit limit will apply if your disability is due to a pre-existing condition.

You will be limited to the benefits you had on the day before the increase if your disability begins during the 12 month period starting with the date the increase in benefits would have been effective The increase will not take effect until your disability ends.

### Employer's Prior Plan? How Does the Pre-Existing Condition Work If You Were Covered Under Your

Special rules apply to pre-existing conditions, if this long term disability plan replaces your Employer's prior plan and:

- you were covered by that plan on the day before this plan became effective; and
- you became covered under this plan within thirty-one days of its effective date

### The special rules are:

- If the Employer's prior plan did not have a pre-existing condition exclusion or limitation, then a pre-existing condition will not be excluded or limited under this plan.
- If the Employer's prior plan did have a pre-existing condition exclusion or limitation, then the limited time does not end after the first 12 months of coverage. Instead it will end on the date any equivalent limit would have ended under the Employer's prior plan.

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If the change from your Employer's prior plan to this plan of coverage would result in an increase in your amount of benefits, the benefits for your disability that is due to a pro-existing sickness or injury will not increase. Instead the benefits are limited to the amount you had on the day before the plan change.

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# What Happens If You Return to Work Full Time and Your Disability Occurs Again?

If you have a recurrent disability, as determined by Prudential, we will treat your disability as part of your prior claim and you will not have to complete another elimination period if:

- you were continuously insured under this plan for the period between your prior claim and your current disability, and
- your recurrent disability occurs within 6-months of the end of your prior claim

disability which occurs after 6 months from the date your prior claim ended will be treated as a new claim. The new claim will be subject to all of the plan provisions. Your recurrent disability will be subject to the same terms of the plan as your prior claim. Any

If you become covered under any other group long term disability plan, you will not be eligible for payments under the Prudential plan.

Recurrent disability means a disability which is:

- caused by a worsening in your condition; and
- due to the same cause(s) as your prior disability for which Prudential made a Long Term Disability payment.

## Long Term Disability Coverage

### CLAIM INFORMATION

### When Do You Notify Prudential of a Claim?

We encourage you to notify us of your claim as soon as possible, so that a claim decision can be made in a timely manner. Written notice of a claim should be sont within 30 days after the date your disability begins. However, you must send Prudential written proof of your claim no later than 90 days after, your elimination period ends. If it is not possible to give proof within 90 days, it must be given no later than 1 year after the time proof is otherwise required except in the absence of

The claim form is available from your Employer, or you can request a claim form from us. If you do not receive the form from Prudential within 15 days of your request, send Prudential written proof of claim without waiting for the form.

You must notify us immediately when you return to work in any capacity

### How Do You File a Claim?

Prudential You and your Employer must fill out your own section of the claim form and then give it to your attending doctor. Your doctor should fill out his or her section of the form and send it directly to

## What Information Is Needed as Proof of Your Claim?

Your proof of claim, provided at your expense, must show:

(1) That you are under the regular care of a doctor.

(2) The appropriate documentation of your monthly earnings

- (3) The date your disability began
- (4) Appropriate documentation of the disabling disorder.
- (5) The extent of your disability, including restrictions and limitations preventing you from performing your regular occupation or gainful occupation
- (6) The name and address of any hospital or institution where you received treatment including all attending doctors
- (7) The name and address of any doctor you have seen

We may request that you send proof of continuing disability, satisfactory to Prudential, indicating that you are under the regular care of a doctor. This proof, provided at your expense, must be received within 30 days of a request by us.

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In some cases, you will be required to give Prudential authorization to obtain additional medical information, and to provide non-medical information as part of your proof of claim, or proof of continuing disability. Prudential will deny your claim or stop sending you payments if the appropriate information is not submitted.

### Regular care means:

- you personally visit a doctor as frequently as is medically required, according to generally accepted medical standards, to effectively manage and treat your disabling condition(s); and
- you are receiving the most appropriate treatment and care, which conforms with generally accepted medical standards, for your disabling condition(s) by a doctor whose specialty or experience is the most appropriate for your disabling condition(s), according to generally accepted medical standards.

### Doctor means:

a person who is performing tasks that are within the limits of his or her medical license; and

- is licensed to practice medicine and prescribe and administer drugs or to perform surgery, or
- has a doctoral degree in Psychotogy (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) whose primary practice is treating patients; or
- is a legally qualified medical practitioner according to the laws and regulations of the governing

Prudential will not recognize any relative including, but not limited to, you, your spouse, or a child, brother, sister, or parent of you or your spouse as a doctor for a claim that you send to us.

condition causing your disability Hospital or Institution means an accredited facility licensed to provide care and treatment for the

### Who Will Prudential Make Payments To?

Prudential will make payments to you

## What Happens If Prudential Overpays Your Claim?

## Prudential has the right to recover any overpayments due to:

fraud

any error Prudential makes in processing a claim; and

You must reimburse us in fult. We will determine the method by which the repayment is to be

Prudential will not recover more money than the amount we paid you.

## What Are the Time Limits for Legal Proceedings?

You can start legal action regarding your claim 60 days after proof of claim has been given and up to 3 years from the time proof of claim is required, unless otherwise provided under federal law.

## How Will Prudential Handle Insurance Fraud?

Prudential wants to ensure you and your Employer do not incur additional insurance costs as a result of the undermining effects of insurance fraud. Prudential promises to focus on all means necessary to support fraud detection, investigation and prosecution

statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceal for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any faci material thereto, you commit a fraudulent insurance punishment to the full extent under any applicable law. Prudential will pursue all appropriate legal remedies in the event of insurance fraud. In some jurisdictions, if you knowingly and with intent to defraud Prudential, file an application or a denial or termination of your claim, and, where such laws apply, are subject to prosecution and act, which is a crime and subjects you to criminal and civil penalties. These actions will result in

## Long Term Disability Coverage

### OTHER SERVICES

How Can Prudential Help Your Employer Identify and Provide Worksite Modification?

A worksite modification might be what is needed to allow you to perform the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation with your Employer. One of our designated professionals will assist you and your Employer to identify a modification we agree is likely to help you remain at work or return to work. This agreement will be in writing and must be signed by you, your Employer and Prudential.

the greater of: When this occurs, Prudential will reimburse your Employer for the cost of the modification up to

- the equivalent of 2 months of your monthly benefit

This benefit is available to you on a one time only basis.

With Obtaining Social Security Disability Benefits? How Can Prudential's Social Security Claimant Assistance Program Help You

Prudential can arrange for expert advice regarding your Social Security disability benefits claim and assist you with your application or appeal, if you are disabled under the plan.

Receiving Social Security disability benefits may enable:

- you to receive Medicare after 24 months of disability payments:
- you to protect your retirement benefits; and
- your family to be eligible for Social Security benefits.

We can assist you in obtaining Social Security disability benefits by:

helping you find appropriate legal representation;

- obtaining medical and vocational evidence; and
- reimbursing pre-approved case management expenses

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### OTHER SERVICES

How Can Prudential's Rehabilitation Program Help You Return to Work?

Prudential has a rehabilitation program available

rehabilitation services might help you return to work. As your file is reviewed, medical and vocational information will be analyzed to determine if

Once the initial review is completed by our rehabilitation program specialists working along with your doctor and other appropriate specialists. Prudential may elect to offer you and pay for a rehabilitation program. If the rehabilitation program is not developed by Prudential's rehabilitation program specialists, you must receive written approval from Prudential for the program before it begins.

The rehabilitation program may include, but is not limited to, the following services:

- coordination with your Employer to assist you to return to work;
- evaluation of adaptive equipment to allow you to work;
- vocational evaluation to determine how your disability may impact your employment
- job placement services;
- resume preparation;
- job seeking skills training;
- retraining for a new occupation; or
- assistance with relocation that may be part of an approved rehabilitation program.

Rehabilitation program means a program designed to assist you to return to work.

### Glossary

Active employment means you are working for your Employer for earnings that are paid regularly and that you are performing the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation. You must be working at least 30 hours per week.

- your Employer's usual place of business
- an allemate work site at the direction of your Employer other than your home unless clear specific expectations and duties are documented; or
- a location to which your job requires you to travel.

Normal vacation is considered active employment.

Temporary and seasonal workers are excluded from coverage.

agreement will not be considered in active employment. Individuals whose employment status is being continued under a severance or termination

Confined or confinement for this section means a hospital stay of at least 8 hours per day.

Contract holder means the Employer to whom the Group Contract is issued.

gross disability payment. Deductible sources of Income means income from deductible sources listed in the plan that you receive or are entitled to receive while you are disabled. This income will be subtracted from your

Disability earnings means the earnings which you receive while you are disabled and working, plus the earnings you could receive if you were working to your greatest extent possible as explained in the plan. Salay continuance will not be included as disability earnings since it is not payment for work performed.

a person who is performing tasks that ere within the limits of his or her medical license; and

- has a doctoral degree in Psychology (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) whose primary practice is treating is licensed to practice medicine and prescribe and administer drugs or to perform surgery; or
- Prudential will not recognize any relative including but not limited to you, your spouse, or a child, is a legally qualified medical practitioner according to the laws and regulations of the governing jurisdiction.

Elimination period means a period of continuous disability which must be satisfied before you

are eligible to receive benefits from Prudential.

brother, sister, or parent of you or your spouse as a doctor for a claim that you send to us.

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hours requirement. Employee means a person who is in active employment with the Employer for the minimum

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has approved such request. Emplayer means the Contract Holder, and includes any division, subsidiary or affiliate who is reported to Prudential in writing for inclusion under the Group Contract, provided that Prudential

Employer and Prudential Employment waiting period means the continuous period of time that you must be in a covered class before you are eligible for coverage under a plan. The period must be agreed upon by the

determine if you are approved for coverage. Evidence of Insurability will be provided at your own expense. Evidence of insurability means a statement of your medical history which Prudential will use to

Gainful occupation means an occupation, including self employment, that is or can be expected to provide you with an income equal to at least 60% of your indexed monthly earnings within 12 months of your return to work.

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Gross disability payment means the benefit amount before Prudential subtracts deductible sources of income and disability earnings.

condition causing your disability. Hospital or institution means an accredited facility licensed to provide care and treatment for the

adjusted on that date by the lesser of 10% or the current annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index. Your indexed monthly earnings may increase or remain the same, but will you were disabled for all of the 12 months before that date. Your monthly earnings will be Indexed monthly earnings means your monthly earnings as adjusted on each July 1 provided never decrease

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The Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) is published by the U.S. Department of Labor. Prudential reserves the right to use some other similar measurement if the Department of Labor changes or stops publishing the CPI-W.

Indexing is only used to determine your percentage of lost earnings while you are disabled and

Injury means a bodily injury that is the direct result of an accident and not related to any other cause. Injury which occurs before you are covered under the plan will be treated as a sickness Disability must begin while you are covered under the plan.

Insured means any person covered under a coverage.

Law, plan or act means the original enactment of the law, plan or act and all amendments.

Layoff or leave of absence means you are temporarily absent from active employment for a period of time that has been agreed to in advance in writing by your Employer, other than for reasons in connection with any severance or termination agreement. Your normal vacation time, any period of disability or FMLA leave is not considered a temporary layoff.

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Material and substantial duties means duties that:

are normally required for the performance of your regular occupation; and

cannot be reasonably omitted or modified, except that if you are required to work on average in excess of 40 hours per week. Prudential will consider you able to perform that requirement if you are working or have the capacity to work 40 hours per week.

you for any one disability Maximum period of payment means the longest period of time Prudential will make payments to

includes but is not limited to schizophrenia, depression, manic depressive, or bipolar illness, anxiety, somalization, substance related disorders, and/or adjustment disorders or other conditions. These conditions are usually treated by a mental health provider or other qualified provider using psychotherapy, psychotropic drugs, or other similar methods of treatment as standardly accepted in the practice of medicine. Mental illness means a psychiatric or psychological condition regardless of cause. Mental illness

subject to the maximum benefit.

Monthly benefit means the total benefit amount for which an employee is insured under this plan

Monthly earnings means your gross monthly income from your Employer as defined in the plan

subtracted from your gross disability payment. Monthly payment means your payment after any deductible sources of income have been Part-time basis (LTD) means the ability to work and earn 20% or more of your indexed monthly

Payable claim means a claim for which Prudential is liable under the terms of the Group

Plan means a line of coverage under the Group Contract

Pre-existing condition means a condition for which you received medical treatment, consultation, care or services including diagnostic measures, took prescribed drugs or medicines or followed treatment recommendation for your condition during the given period of time as stated in the plan.

Recurrent disability means a disability which is:

- caused by a worsening in your condition; and
- due to the same cause(s) as your prior disability for which Prudential made a Long Term Disability payment.

Regular care means:

- you personally visit a doctor as frequently as is medically required, according to generally accepted medical standards, to effectively manage and treat your disabling condition(s); and
- you are receiving the most appropriate treatment and care, which conforms with generally accepted medical standards experience is the most appropriate for your disabling condition(s), according to generally accepted medical standards, for your disabling condition(s) by a doctor whose specially or

Regular occupation means the occupation you are routinely performing when your disability occurs. Prudential will look at your occupation as it is normally performed instead of how the work tasks are performed for a specific employer or at a specific location.

Rehabilitation program means a program designed to assist you to return to work.

Retirement plan means a defined contribution plan or defined benefit plan. These are plans which provide retirement benefits to employees and are not funded entirely by employee

Sickness means any disorder of your body or mind, but not an injury; pregnancy including abortion, miscarriage or childbirth. Disability must begin while you are covered under the plan.

We, us, and our means The Prudential Insurance Company of America.

is not part of the
Group Insurance Certificate.

It has been provided by
your Employer and included in
your Booklet-Certificate
upon the Employer's request.

### SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

This booklet is intended to comply with the disclosure requirements of the regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974. ERISA requires that you be given a "Summary Plan Description" which describes the plan and informs you of your rights under it.

### General Information

The Company has adopted this Plan as last amended and has delegated to the Claims Administrator the full and exclusive discretionary authority to interpret and construe the terms of the Plan, to determine all benefits and to resolve all questions arising from the claims administration, interpretation, and application of the Plan's provisions, either by general rules or by particular decisions, including determinations as to whether a claimant is eligible for benefits, the amount and timing of benefits, and any other matter (including any question of fact) about a claim raised by a claimant or identified by the Plan Administrator. The authority to amend or terminate the Plan is delegated to the Plan Administrator. Any decisions of the Claims Administrator and Plan Administrator are final, conclusive and binding as to all

Armstrong intends to continue health care coverage to its active Employees indefinitely. However, all provisions of the Plan remain subject to future changes, modifications or terminations.

The Claims Administrator has the discretion and final authority to interpret all terms and provisions of the Plan.

### Plan Name

The Long Term Disability Plan

### Type of Plan

Employee Welfare Benefit plan providing Long Term Disability coverage

### Plan Sponsor

Armstrong World Industries, Inc. Attention: Human Resources – Bldg. 701 PO Box 3001 Lançaster, Pennsylvania 17604

### **Employer Identification Number**

23-0366390

### Plan Number

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Plan Administrator

Attention: Human Resources -- Bidg. 701 PO Box 3001 Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17604 Armstrong World Industries, Inc.

Agent for Service of Legal Process

C T Corporation System

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19109 Room 1635, Fidelity Building

The Plan Sponsor may also receive service of legal process for the Plan

U.S. Department of Labor

Washington, DC 20210 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Employee Benefits Security Administration U.S. Department of Labor Room N5625

Plan's Fiscal Year Ends

December 31

Plan Fiduciary for Long Term Disability Coverage

Newark, New Jersey 07102 Prudential Plaza The Prudential Insurance Company of America

insured benefits under your Employer's ERISA plan(s). The Prudential insurance Company of America as Claims Administrator has the sole discretion to interpret the terms of the Group Contract, to make factual findings, and to determine eligibility for benefits. The decision of the Claims Administrator shall not be overturned unless arbitrary and capricious. This Group Contract underwritten by The Prudential Insurance Company of America provides

Loss of Benefits

partial or total loss of your benefits. You must continue to be a member of the class to which this plan pertains and continue to make any of the contributions agreed to when you enroll. Failure to do so may result in

Claim Procedures

Determination of Benefits

claim. This period may be extended by 30 days if such an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan. A written notice of the extension, the reason for Prudential shall notify you of the claim determination within 45 days of the receipt of your beyond the control of the plan. A written notice of the additional extension, the reason the extension and the date by which the plan expects to decide your claim, shall be additional 30 days beyond the original 30-day extension if necessary due to matters furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. This period may be extended for an

> extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional extension of time is needed. However, if a period of time is extended due to your failure claim, shall be furnished to you within the first 30-day extension period if an additional determination by Prudential will be tolled from the date on which the notification of the to submit information necessary to decide the claim, the period for making the benefit for the additional extension and the date by which the plan expects to decide on your information.

If your claim for benefits is denied, in whole or in part, you or your authorized representative will receive a written notice from Prudential of your denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by you and shall include:

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the denial,
- (b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the benefit determination was
- (c) a description of any additional material or information necessary for you to perfect a claim and an explanation of why such information is necessary.
- (d) a description of the Prudential's appeals procedures and applicable time limits ERISA following your appeals, and including a statement of your right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of
- (e) if an adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination will be provided free of charge upon request.

Appeals of Adverse Determination

If your claim for benefits is denied or if you do not receive a response to your claim within the appropriate time frame (in which case the claim for benefits is deemed to have been denied), you or your representative may appeal your denied claim in writing to Prudential and information relevant to your claim free of charge. you will also have access to, and the right to obtain copies of, all documents, records documents, records and any other information relating to your claim. Upon your request such claim is deemed denied. You may submit with your appeal any written comments, willin 180 days of the receipt of the written notice of denial or 180 days from the date

any deference to the initial benefit determination. of individuals not involved in the initial benefit determination. This review will not afford Prudential Appeals Review Unit and Claims Management Team members are made up decision will be made by a member of the Prudential Claims Management Team. The support the appeal will be conducted by the Prudential Appeals Review Unit. The claim A full review of the information in the claim file and any new information submitted to

to 90 days if Prudential determines that special circumstances require an extension of time. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date that the within 45 days of the receipt of your appeal request. This period may be extended by up The Prudential Appeals Review Unit shall make a determination on your claim appeal within the initial 45-day period. However, if the period of time is extended due to your Prudential Appeals Review Unit expects to render a decision shall be furnished to you

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failure to submit information necessary to decide the appeal, the period for making the benefit determination will be tolled from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

If the claim on appeal is denied in whole or in part, you will receive a written notification from Prudential of the denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the applicant and shall include:

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the adverse determination
- (b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the determination was based
- (c) a statement that you are entitled to receive upon request and free of charge reasonable access to, and make copies of, all records, documents and other information relevant to your benefit claim upon request,
- (d) a description of Prudential's review procedures and applicable time limits,
- (e) a statement that you have the right to obtain upon request and free of charge, a copy
  of internal rules or guidelines relied upon in making this determination, and
- a statement describing any appeals procedures offered by the plan, and your right to bring a civil suit under ERISA.

If a decision on appeal is not furnished to you within the time frames mentioned above, the claim shall be deemed denied on appeal.

If the appeal of your benefit claim is denied or if you do not receive a response to your appeal within the appropriate time frame (in which case the appeal is deemed to have been denied), you or your representative may make a second appeal of your denial in writing to Prudenial within 180 days of the receipt of the written notice of denial or 180 days from the date such claim is deemed denied. You may submit with your second days from the date such claim is deemed denied. You may submit with your second appeal any written comments, documents, records and any other information relating to your claim. Upon your request, you will also have access to, and the right to obtain copies of, all documents, records and information relevant to your claim free of charge.

Upon receipt of a second appeal, the Prudential Appeals Review Unit will again conduct a full review of the claim file and any additional information submitted. The claim decision will be made by a member of the Prudential Senior Claims Management Team. The Appeals Unit and Senior Claims Management Team member would not have been involved in the initial benefit determination or in the first appeal.

The Prudential Appeals Review Unit shall make a determination on your second claim appeal within 45 days of the receipt of your appeal request. This period may be extended by up to 90 days if Prudential determines that special circumstances require an extension of time. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date by which the Appeals Review Unit expects to render a decision shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. However, if the period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the appeal, the period for making the benefit determination will be tolled from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

If the daim on appeal is denied in whole or in part for a second time, you will receive a written notification from Prudential of the denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the applicant and shall include the same information that was included in the first adverse determination letter as well as your right to appeal the decision to Prudential's Appeal Committee. If a decision on appeal is not furnished to you within the time frames mentioned above, the claim shall be deemed denied upon appeal.

If the second appeal of your benefit claim is denied or if you do not receive a response to your second appeal within the appropriate time frame (in which case the appeal is deemed to have been denied), you or your authorized representative may make a third appeal of your denial in writing to the Prudential Appeals Committee within 180 days of the receipt of the written notice of denial or 180 days from the date such claim is deemed denied. You may submit with your third appeal any written comments, documents, records and any other information relating to your daim. Upon your request, you will also have access to, and the right to obtain copies of, all documents, records and information relevant to your claim free of charge.

Upon receipt of a third appeal, the claim will be directed to Prudential's Appeals Committee by a member of the Prudential Senior Claims Management Team. This Committee will be composed of three members of the Senior Claims Management Team who have not been involved in any previous appeals.

The Prudential Appeals Committee shall make a determination on your third claim appeal within 45 days of the receipt of your appeal request. This period may be extended by up to 90 days if Prudential determines that special circumstances require an extension of time. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date by which the Appeals Review Unit expects to render a decision shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. However, if the period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the appeal, the period for making the benefit determination will be tolled from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

Your decision to submit a benefit dispute to the third level of appeal has no effect on your right to any other benefits under this plan. If you elect to initiate a lawsuit without submitting to a third level of appeal, the plan waives my right to assert that you failed to exhaust administrative remedies. If you elect to submit the dispute to the third level of appeal, the plan agrees that any statute of limitations or other defense based on timeliness is tolled during the time that the appeal is pending.

If the claim on appeal is denied in whole or in part for a third time, you will receive a written notification from Prudential of the denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the applicant and shall include the same information that was included in the first adverse determination letter. If a decision on appeal is not furnished to you within the time, frames mentioned above, the claim shall be deemed denied on appeal.

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## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In 1974, Congress passed the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) to safeguard the interests of participants and beneficiaries in employee benefit plans. As a participant or beneficiary in the Plan, you have certain rights and protections under ERISA

YOUR RIGHTS UNDER FEDERAL LAW as outlined in the following statement adapted from regulations of the U.S. Department of

### Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits

As a participant in the Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the ERISA. ERISA provides that all Plan participants shall be entitled to:

- Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration. contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) flied by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the locations, such as worksites; all documents governing the Plan, including insurance
- Obtain, upon written request to the Pien Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan; insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), and an updated summary plan The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- Receive a copy of the procedures used by the *Plan* for determining a qualified medical child support order (QMCSO).

### Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries

are responsible for the operation of the Employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called "flucianes" of the Plan, have a duly to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other Plan participants and beneficianes. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, imay fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining alwelfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA. in addition to creating rights for Plan participants ERISA imposes duties upon the people who

### Enforce Your Rights

is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or tederal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of case the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a federal count. In such a why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules. Under ER/SA, there are steps If your claim for a benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know

> that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal finds your claim is frivolous. fees. If you are successful the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it status of a medical child support order, you may file suit in federal court. If it should happen

### Assistance with Your Questions

listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration; U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement of your rights under ERISA, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your



